

NORTHERN NEXUS  
Grand Traverse Region Next Michigan Development Corporation (NMDC)

January 28, 2016

Chair Korn called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. in the Commission Chambers located in the Governmental Center, 400 Boardman Avenue, Traverse City, Michigan.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brian Haas, Bob Johnson, Chuck Korn and Patrick Pahl

EXCUSED: Glen Lile

STAFF PRESENT: Marcia Carmoney, Jean Derenzy and John Sych

WELCOME

New member and City Commission Representative, Brian Haas, was welcomed by the Board.

ELECTION OF CHAIR & VICE CHAIR

Korn called for nominations for Chair of the NMDC Board.

**Moved** by Pahl, seconded by Johnson to nominate incumbent Korn as Chair. There being no further nominations, nominations were closed.

**Approved unanimously.**

Korn called for nominations for Vice Chair of the NMDC Board.

**Moved** by Korn, seconded by Pahl to nominate Haas as Vice Chair. There being no further nominations, nominations were closed.

**Approved unanimously.**

APPROVAL OF ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE

Sych reported that in past years the NMDC meetings were held on a monthly basis. The recommendation, as outlined in the draft public notice, is to hold regular meetings on the second month of each quarter. Consensus of the Board is to adopt the 2016 NMDC meeting schedule as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Moved** by Johnson, seconded by Pahl to approve the August 27, 2015 NMDC minutes as presented. **Approved unanimously.**

PUBLIC COMMENT/INPUT

City Manager, Marty Colburn asked the Board to help champion the housing issue through continued outreach and staff support.

REPORTS/Receive and File Communications:

Economic Development Update

Sych identified the other NMDC's in the State. There are 6 in total, with a seventh pending in the City of Detroit. Korn and Sych attended the Michigan Supply Chain Innovation Summit in Dearborn last August. Sych reported it was well attended and the programs presented were interesting. Also reported: \$175K Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) loan to Kajara's Bridge will create 6 new full time positions; out of the State's 41 RLF's, only 10 are active; State may take back Community Development Block Grants that aren't performing.

Since the local business leader interviews were conducted by Parallel Solutions, an economic strategy concept has been drafted and feedback will be sought from those same business leaders. Derenzy reported a second taxing jurisdiction meeting is anticipated for March. Under consideration is to bring in other entities to help determine vision and next steps.

PUBLIC COMMENT/INPUT

None

NOTICES

None

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 2:14 p.m.

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Chuck Korn, Chair